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The ragged battalions of the first French republic were the bravest soldiers the world has ever seen—they needed no general save the "Marseillaise." One fights well on a little when the prize is liberty.—Denver Post.

IS THE NAVY PROGRESSING?

Secretary of the Navy Daniels leads his annual report with an emphatic declaration that the navy has progressed instead of retrogressed.

The department has been under fire for several months, charges being made that its efficiency has woefully diminished under Secretary Daniels. To this the head of the department replies that the charges are the malicious attempt of a disappointed gang of coal-dealers to discredit him because he put an end to their combine and bought coal from other dealers at lower prices.

The navy department's policy and the policy of Congress in regard to battleship, cruiser and submarine construction are now being worked out in Congress. What Secretary Daniels says in his report of the progress of the past year is particularly interesting:

"As a result of the ready spirit and wise discrimination of Congress, the naval appropriation bill, decreased below last year's figures, provided for two dreadnoughts instead of one, and, later in the session, seizing upon a rare opportunity, Congress authorized the sale of two old ships, ill-adapted to the present needs of our Navy, and the construction in their stead of a powerful dreadnought.

"The second session of the Sixty-third Congress has, therefore, to its credit the authorization of three new dreadnoughts. In addition to these new dreadnoughts, there were authorized six torpedo-boat destroyers and eight or more submarines, one of which is to be a sea-going vessel, the first of its kind. The estimates for the short session call for an increase embracing dreadnoughts, destroyers, and submarines, and likewise for other craft needed. These estimates have been prepared with consideration for the needs of the service and the necessity for economy which the rigors of foreign war have imposed upon our national budget. These recommendations granted, the increase will be noteworthy and will give us a well-rounded Navy equal, if not superior, to that of any Navy in the world, ship for ship and man for man.

"The past year in the Navy affords gratification to all who take pride in its growth, strength and usefulness. In every line of progress and achievement it has demonstrated its steady advance and efficiency. For the first time in many years the enlistment is up to the limit prescribed by Congress. The present enlistment is 52,667, or 5,612 greater than in 1913, and so attractive has the service become to the youth of the land that it has been possible to have a waiting list, and it is a fact that picked men alone, of exceptional qualities, mental and moral, and of fine physical type, are now admitted; for out of 88,943 applicants for enlistment 13,780 new men were accepted. Not only is the Navy up to its prescribed quota as to numbers, but the popularity of the service renders unnecessary strained or unusual methods to attract a sufficient number of young men. The welfare of these young men who are so freely offering themselves for their country's service has been by no means neglected. As will appear hereafter, their pathway to the Naval Academy, the Line, and the Pay Corps has been facilitated, and their physical comfort has been materially improved. Their avenues of promotion are not as numerous as they should be, or as they will be. It must be true in the American navy that every sailor carries an admiral's flag in his ditty box, as Napoleon said it was true of the army of France, that "every soldier carries a marshal's baton in his knapsack." The conviction is strong and growing stronger in the navy that the best discipline is promoted by friendly relations and mutual understanding between officers and men."

In discussing the Mexican situation, he referred to the preparedness of the navy as follows:

"The remarkable demonstration of the all-around efficiency of the navy when the orders to Mexico were given won commendation at home and abroad. . . . It showed the country that the navy is always ready—it lives in a state of preparedness—and that when the emergency arises every man in the navy and marine corps shows such enthusiasm and resourcefulness as to quicken the pride of their countrymen in them. . . . The get-away of the fleet and its efficiency in the waters of Mexico illustrate

the energy, brain-work and team-work which give signal proof of our national efficiency, an efficiency which is emphasized only to illustrate what may be expected of the navy whenever it is called into action."

SHOULD WORK TOGETHER.

The mayor-elect and the supervisors-elect are asked to meet with the Chamber of Commerce next Wednesday. The reports concerning territorial finances, given publicity during the last few days, are to be discussed, and the general problem of securing utmost efficiency for municipal and territorial administration will probably be given some attention. On a previous occasion Mayor-elect Lane wrote to the chamber expressing the opinion that it would be improper for the newly-elected officials to meet that body until they had caucused and organized. His point was certainly not well taken by the public, which is anxious for its elected officials to cooperate to the fullest extent with public organizations seeking to help solve civic problems. Only by harmonious and united action is Honolulu going to make any progress during the next two years. The officials-elect will be taking advantage of an opportunity for usefulness if they attend next Wednesday's meeting.

There is no reason why the Mid-Pacific Carnival baseball should be abandoned. As a sporting feature it was a big success last year and next year it should be even more of a success, from a financial as well as a sporting standpoint. The row between the promoter of the Venice series and the Athletic Park management was unfortunate, of course, but there is absolutely no reason why this row should be carried into the Mid-Pacific Carnival. The fine attendance at Saturday and Sunday games at Moiliili proves that baseball still has first hold on the affections of the Honolulu public. The way to make the Carnival series a success is to drop the personal side of the recent row and get together for a big inter-island series in February.

What a moving spectacle—aged Andy Carnegie, with tears in his eyes, telling the president that it will be sacrilege to pray for peace before Christmas and fight afterwards! Carnegie has contributed about as much to the gigantic armaments and terrible engines of destruction of this war as any other man, living or dead. And all this military preparation, instead of proving a sure bulwark against war, merely made the war more deadly and ruthless when it did come.

With the prospects for a better price for sugar after the first of the year, with a substantial amount of cash scattered around in the form of extra dividends this month and with the expectation that "free sugar" will not hit Hawaii very long—if it hits at all—well, Hawaii ought to be happy and liberal this Christmas.

Hawaii is already getting a start on the second annual county fair. It will be "bigger and better" than the first and that means a good deal. When the Big Island takes up any public project, that project is put through successfully.

The discoveries of the Chamber of Commerce, the Ad Club and H. Gooding Field in the tax department suggests that other territorial departments might also, under scrutiny, yield material for some lively discussions on efficiency.

Holiday shoppers will be found patronizing the stores of the men who are optimists to the extent of believing they can get the Christmas trade if they go after it.

A casual perusal of what H. G. Wells, Arnold Bennett and Rudyard Kipling have to say about it indicates that the man who really started this war is Treitschke.

Despatches from Naco indicate that Honolulu is not the only place where bullets fly somewhat indiscriminately off the rifle range.

As we read the London despatches, the Russians are simply drawing the Germans on.

Everybody has announced that the Audacious has sunk but the British admiralty.

This seems to be the first time the Balkans have wanted to keep out of a scrap.

Old Doc's Talk

ON THOSE WHO PAN OUT

Don't worry too much, my boy, if some day of those you counted on old friend, fails to give you the usual hand grasp but gets by you with a few conventional phrases. Don't grieve too much, I say. Of course, you'll feel the thrust and icy chills will run down the warm surfaces of your own genuine feeling, and you will wonder and wonder what the trouble is.

You will, my son, mentally review all that you have said or written which might be misconstrued, and having found no cause, you will begin to think some of your enemies have struck home. They have shafted a black arrow.

But whatever you do, my boy, don't ask for an explanation. If that friend hasn't enough of the right stuff in him to prompt him to confide in you before he freezes you out, he isn't worth an explanation. He never was a true friend; he never will be. He's the shoddy sort and the sooner you stop thinking about him the better for your peace of mind, my boy. I know it's hard, for affection is a bond you can't sever without pain; still, cut it out, and bye and bye you'll discover that this weak friend were better an enemy where he could do you no harm.

As you grow older, my boy, nature asserts hereditary prerogatives, as it were. Men develop into their real selves, or their ancestors' selves, unwittingly, and sometimes it's a bad job for those who had founded expectations.

Blows, my son, from enemies make the blood tingle and keep the liver active. The sneers or blame of strangers is immaterial, while the opinion of mere acquaintances, if unfavorable, count so much matter. But to have a friend, and then need to cry: Eh, tu brute! is indeed an ordeal.

My son, I've lived a few years longer than you have, and a few so-called my friends have gradually panned out along the way; not many, but a few. In every case it has turned out that they never possessed the quality of endurance, were either a little off or too much on, that, in truth, they were not worth a damn for anything.

FRATERNITY MEN WILL REPRESENT MANY CHAPTERS

Dinner at Moana Hotel Next Friday to Bring Out Large Delegation of Greeks

Cards have been sent out to members of Greek letter college fraternities in the territory for a dinner to be given at the Moana Hotel next Friday evening at 7 o'clock. Those in charge of the affair promise that it will be well worth attending for besides the dinner there will be merry-making stunts. The fraternity men here plan to have a number of these gatherings their purpose being to bring the Greeks together more often.

Any Greek letter men who have not received invitations to the dinner are asked to notify J. Brooks Brown at the Y. M. C. A. He has charge of the invitations.

Among the fraternity men expected are the following:

Delta Kappa Epsilon—Judge E. M. Watson, Jeff McCarty, C. R. Hemenway, Dr. Hemenway, J. R. Galt, H. F. Damon, Geo. P. Cooke, Richard A. Cooke, H. F. Lucas, F. E. Steere, Maurice Beard, (Kapoho); Lt. Warren, Cavalry, Schofield; Wm. A. Alken, Chap. 1st Inf., Schofield.

Zeta Psi—C. Montague Cooke, Arthur G. Smith, Abe S. Lewis.

Phi Kappa Psi—E. W. Wickham, William Oosterlark, G. W. Wilfong, (Hilo); McClintock, L. M. Judd, S. C. Kennedy.

Sigma Chi—Dr. W. C. Hobdy, John Eminger, James Morgan, W. T. Carden, H. B. Penhallow, (Wailuku); Giles H. Gere, J. Howard Ellis, H. K. Larrison, Col. Arch Campbell, Wallace Cooper, William Cooper, (Wailuku); C. F. Eckart, (Olaa).

Sigma Nu—Lloyd R. Kilham, Capt. Gibbs, Prof. J. M. Young.

Pi Kappa Alpha—Charles F. Loomis, Dr. A. F. Jackson.

Alpha Tau Omega—J. Brooks Brown.

Chi Phi—Albert Horner, Jr., Harry A. Baldwin, (Paia).

Phi Kappa Sigma—C. D. Rea, (Heaia).

Kappa Sigma—Bert Clark, David Larson, H. P. Agee, Francis Mahoney, (Waipahu); G. H. Wilkins, W. C. Woodward.

Phi Delta Theta—C. S. Franklin, P. E. Spaulding, Edward B. Loomis.

Psi Upsilon—Frank Atherton, Theodore Richards, Gov. W. F. Frear, H. A. Palmer, (Kalaiala); Capt. Hatch, Ft. Armstrong.

Alpha Delta Phi—L. A. Baldwin, James P. Cooke, Henry P. Judd, Albert F. Judd.

Alpha Sigma Phi—H. W. Brewer, C. H. Brewer, (Waipio), Ralph C. Bor-

don.

Kappa Alpha—Lieut. Taylor, (Schofield); Nott Dickson.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon—E. W. Sutton.

Delta Psi—C. P. McAvoy.

Phi Sigma Kappa—H. Willard.

Theta Delta Chi—N. B. Henshaw, Prof. C. T. Fitts.

Beta Theta Pi—Wallace R. Farrington, Capt. Leartus J. Owen, Charles S. Dole, (Lihue); Riley H. Allen, Lt. Thos. J. Camp, (Shafter); Lt. Chas. Little, (Schofield); Frank E. Midkiff.

Phi Delta Kappa—Edgar Wood, W. Merriman, (Sisal).

Phi Beta Kappa—Guy H. Buttolph, William Williamson.

Phi Omega—Dr. J. H. Waddell, Dr. G. A. Bray, Dr. E. T. Varrell, Dr. E. M. Kennedy, (Schofield); Dr. A. R. White, (Schofield); Dr. Harry Deiber, (Schofield).

Phi Delta Phi—Clarence W. Ashford, A. L. C. Atkinson, Arthur M. Brown, Charles F. Clemens, Walter F. Frear, Albert Judd, Jr., Alexander D. Larnach, Abraham Lewis, Alexander Lindsay, Jr., Emil C. Peters, Chas. F. Peterson, W. W. Thayer, Charles F. Dole, (Lihue); Abraham G. Kaulukou, (Lihue); Eric A. Knudsen, (Kekaha); L. P. Scott.

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LITTLE INTERVIEWS

MARSHAL J. J. SMIDY: Raiding opium joints makes a nice evening's pastime. As yet, I haven't found any civilians wearing army shirts.

TOM MERLE: These are cold mornings we're having; worst I have ever seen in Hawaii. We find ice over six inches thick on our back steps every morning.

JUDGE C. W. ASHFORD: It is a real grief to me to observe that my old friend Farrington has taken to parting his name in the middle. Auwe!! Aloha mo!!

SIDNEY JORDAN: The Elks' "Hot Cider" is all right, with one or two exceptions. It should have had a promotion editor, and I don't find a thing regarding the excellent fishing at Black Point.

MAYOR FERN: I advise all the Democrats who were defeated at the last election to visit the "Lava Trail" tonight. Thus we will forget for a little time the political sorrow that has overwhelmed us.

COLLECTOR OF REVENUE COTTRILL: I am glad to be able to announce that our office this morning received by registered mail a supply of documentary revenue stamps of the 40-cent, 80-cent, \$1, \$3 and \$5 denominations. Up to this time we have not had the larger denominations.

W. W. THAYER: No word has been received here yet concerning the whereabouts of John C. Bridwell, the local entomologist who disappeared several months ago while returning from Africa. We cabled the state department at Washington last Saturday, but have had no answer from them.

HARRY MURRAY: We are glad

the Elks' "Lava Trail" was postponed from last Saturday. It is a far better, bigger festa today than it could possibly have been last week. There will be plenty of street cars for the crowds who remain on the grounds until the late hours tonight; special arrangement has been made with the street car company for that.

W. L. HOWARD: On my recent trip to the mainland I visited the site of the San Diego exposition. It is going to be a very beautiful fair and should be a great success, though for size and grandeur it will not compare with the San Francisco fair. The San Diego has shown splendid spirit and enterprise and has developed an old mission city that is extremely picturesque.

RICHARD L. HALSEY: The meeting of King George and President Poincaré of France and their journey together to the front marks the second time in history that two such rulers have joined in war under the same flag. In the Third Crusade, about 1190, Richard Coeur-de-Lion of England and Philip Augustus of France were fighting together at the siege of Acre. Now history is repeating itself to a degree.

DISTRICT COURT UPHELD.

The supreme court today affirmed the judgment of the Honolulu district court in the latter's action sustaining a general demurrer by defendant in the assumpsit suit of Ching On against D. H. Lewis. Lewis was sued for attorney's fees, alleged due when J. A. Magoon obtained a warrant for his arrest on his wife's complaint. No showing was made, says the supreme court, that Mrs. Lewis had failed to enlist the aid of the police before calling on the attorney to help her; hence the legal service does not constitute a cause of action for fees against the husband.

YOUR HOME

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